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Preliminary Census Report Issued County Has Loss, Northfield Gains Fourteen Towns Show An Increase

Northfield is given a population of 1,962 as a result of the 1940 Federal census, just concluded, according to a preliminary report furnished by Clarence N. Durant of Lee, the district supervisor. Figures for this town show a steady growth since 1910 when the population was 1642. However in 1900 our population was 1666, which is four higher than this year's figures. In 1920 we had 1776, in 1930 1888, in 1935, state figures, 1950. The county population for 1940 is 49,506, which is a loss of 107 over the figure for 1930 of 49,612. The state census of 1935 was 51,043 which would mean a greater loss for the county.

The 10 largest county towns, in order, are listed as Greenfield, 15,713; Montague, 7550; Orange, 5590; Deerfield, 2681; Northfield, 1962; Shelburne, 1627; Buckland, 1533; Colrain, 1494; Erving, 1434 and Sunderland, 1084.

Only five towns this year, according to the tentative federal figures increased over the state figures of 1935: Erving, Leyden, Northfield, Orange and Shelburne. Fourteen of the 26 civil divisions in the county showed increases over 1930, including Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Erving, Greenfield, Heath, Leverett, Northfield, Orange, Shelburne, Warwick and Wendell.

The twelve others, with decreases, were Charlemont, Deerfield, Gill, Hawley, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, New Salem, Rowe, Shutesbury, Sunderland and Whately. While it is stated that the figures of population are tentative and subject to correction by the Census Bureau at Washington, there is not expected to be much change.

Results as a whole in Franklin county, are counterparts of the results arrived at in other counties in western Massachusetts and total gains are negligible. The figures of Franklin county towns, with the census figures of 1930 and 1940 are as follows:

	1940	1930
Ashfield	871	860
Barnardston	954	893
Buckland	1533	1497
Charlemont	787	816
Colrain	1494	1391
Conway	944	900
Deerfield	2681	2882
Erving	1434	1263
Gill	930	983
Greenfield	15,713	15,500
Hawley	258	313
Heath	359	331
Leverett	685	677
Leyden	260	261
Monroe	207	218
Montague	7550	8081
New Salem	367	414
Northfield	1962	1888
Orange	5590	5365
Rowe	233	298
Shelburne	1627	1544
Shutesbury	187	222
Sunderland	1084	1159
Warwick	442	367
Wendell	387	353
Whately	976	1138
Total	49,506	49,612

Mrs. Lewis Davis Dies

Mrs. Delia (Richards) Davis, age 74, wife of Lewis M. Davis, died Saturday evening at her home on Warwick avenue after a long illness. She had been a patient sufferer, but with it all was of a sympathetic and kindly nature. She was devoted to her home and family and enjoyed the acquaintance of many friends.

She was born in Westmoreland, N. H. Feb. 23, 1866, daughter of Stanislaus and Lizzie (O'Brien) Richards. She was a resident of Northfield for 43 years and besides her husband leaves two sons, Francis R., and Clarence A. Davis, and a grandchild in Springfield, also two sisters, Mrs. Seymour Hazen and Mrs. Lucy Richards, both of West Hartford, Vt., and one brother, Stanley Richards of Bethel, Vt.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Kidders funeral parlors with the Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiating and burial was in the family lot in Center cemetery.

Has Returned Home

After a visit of some six weeks with his mother, Mrs. Nellie M. Wood, at her home on Main street Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Wood left last Monday for their home in San Gabriel, Calif. They greeted many friends during their stay here and also enjoyed many side trips to nearby places by auto. They are making the trip across the continent by motor.



Marvin E. Reeher
Who is conducting rehearsals for the Music Festival

The Westminster Choir College of Music Here

The summer school of music under the auspices of the Westminster Choir college of Princeton, N. J., opened its session on the campus of Mount Hermon school on Monday. The school is under the direction of Dr. John Finley Williamson, its founder and internationally known. The school affords opportunity for the study of church and school music after the Westminster manner. Sessions will continue until Aug. 12. The choir will give a concert in the Auditorium on the evening of Aug. 8 by the juniors and on the evening of Aug. 10 by the choir. The entire school will participate in the music festival on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11 when the voices will be supplemented by choir singers in many nearby cities. Marvin E. Reeher of Saratoga Springs, a graduate of the choir college, is at present conducting rehearsals with music groups in this territory. The music festival is one of the events looked forward to by many thousands, who crowd the Auditorium to the point of an overflow.

First GOP Gathering West County Leaders

Chairman Edward D. Sirois of the Republican State committee called all Republican leaders in the four western Massachusetts counties to a meeting at the Kimball hotel in Springfield last Saturday evening. There were present several of the candidates for public office, officials of the state organization, chairmen of the various town committees, presidents of clubs, both men and women, all of whom enjoyed a dinner and then huddled into a program to prepare for the campaign approaching in this state. It is expected that Springfield will be headquarters for western Massachusetts, with an office for supplies and publicity, a bureau for speakers and a bureau for general direction. The Northfield Republican town committee will conduct an active local campaign. A card index of all Republicans (registered as such) in town is now being prepared.

With The Grange

The meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening witnessed a demonstration by the Girl Scouts of their work in a series of tableaux. They wore their uniforms and made a fine appearance. Their leaders explained the work. A program was rendered in which Eleanor Fisher sang a solo accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Harriet Fisher at the piano, and Emory Rikert gave a monologue in costume. A guessing game was directed by Mrs. Rikert. The Grange will hold a picnic in August and the inspection of the Grange is planned for September. On Wednesday evening several members of the Grange participated in the mystery ride and picnic of the Pomona Grange.

Vernon Union Church

THE LADIES' CIRCLE
WILL SERVE SUPPER

Wednesday, July 31

5:30 to 7:00 o'clock

Menu—Baked Beans, Brown Bread, Salads, Pies, Rolls, Coffee, Etc.

Price 25 cents

Selectmen Ask Aid In County Hearing On Local Road Work

The annual meeting of representatives of the department of Public Works of the State, with members of the selectmen from the various towns in the county, was held at Greenfield in the court house last Saturday. Commissioner John W. Beal attended with members of the staff, county commissioners Allen and Streeter and Senator James A. Gunn. Selectmen from the towns enumerated their minimum needs and when Northfield was called in the list, Selectmen Fred A. Holton responded and said, the town would like \$1000 and may complete work on the Warwick road. He said the Schell bridge and road need attention. Both were damaged in the 1936 and 1938 floods. Every community representative had some proposition to present and all the requests will be carefully considered in the allotment of next years funds. In his opening remarks, Commissioner Beal said that the chapter 90 highway program is not based on the millions which may be spent, but on actual needs. He said the state should contribute 50 per cent for major road funds in all counties, and should continue the three-way aid on state rural roads.

Perhaps the most encouraging result of the meeting was the definite announcement by the state officials, that the construction of a new bridge at Montague city was definitely scheduled. Commissioner Beal said that borings were being made and that designs were being drawn. Construction would follow as soon as possible. The gathering lasted about two hours with everybody happy and the outlook promising.

Pepper In His Eyes Says He Was Robbed

Saying that he had been blinded with pepper, and then robbed of \$190, while he supposedly went to the assistance of a disabled car early Monday morning on the Hermon-South Vernon road, George Lannaville of Deerfield, a salesman, reported his experience to the State Police. State Trooper Ryan was detailed to investigate and a police alarm was sent out for two men, said to be driving a 1935 or 1936 dark gray Ford, one about 35, five feet eight inches, weighing 148 pounds, wearing brown pants, black shoes, and a blue sweater. The other, described as about 26, also five feet six, weighing about 148 pounds, was said to be wearing a gray suit, had dark brown curly hair, and was very tanned.

Lannaville said he was driving out of a gravel bank on the South Vernon road and that he saw an apparently disabled car by the roadside. He stopped and walked over, and, as one man held a sweater over the number plate, the other threw pepper in his face, took \$190 from his pockets and the pair fled north towards Vermont. A complete check-up is being made.

For The Singing Child

Children who are interested in the Westminster Singing school held on the Mount Hermon campus each morning during the summer school session are invited to register at the Y building at Mount Hermon at 9 o'clock in the morning. Classes are held on Saturdays. This year Mrs. Ora Hedgpeth of the Westminster Choir college faculty is in charge of the children's chorus.

The first thirty children who register are admitted to classes free of charge. The rest are asked to pay a small fee.

Patrons of the Dickinson library are reminded that the summer hours are, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2:30 to 8:30 o'clock.

The Program Outline For The Fortnightly Thru Fall and Winter

The program committee of the Fortnightly, Northfield's women's club, has been busy with frequent meetings during the summer season and now, since their labors have been concluded, Miss Anne Mattoon, the chairman, furnishes the complete list of the engagements for the coming fall and winter season. The committee feels assured that the program will meet approval by the membership. Here are the dates, in the schedule with the various events and attractions:

Oct. 4, "Old Pewter" by Mrs. W. C. Staples, Springfield, Vt. Report of the Swampscott meetings by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

Oct. 18, President's day. "Women of Today" by Mrs. Anna Tillinghast of Boston.

No. 2, Annual luncheon at the Northfield hotel.

No. 15, Guest day. "Foreign Affairs" by Prof. Harold R. Bruce of Dartmouth college.

Dec. 6, "Current Books" by Mrs. George Davis, Deerfield.

Dec. 20, "The Use of Glass and Mirrors in Home Decoration." Illustrated lecture with colored slides.

Jan. 3, program of entertainment.

Jan. 17, Meh's night. "The Geology of the Connecticut Valley," Frank B. Conklin, Deerfield academy.

Feb. 7, program in charge of the music committee.

Feb. 21, "Current Events," Miss Eleanor Davis, Northfield seminary.

March 7, pageant of brides, Mrs. Frank Montague, chairman.

March 21, Prof. W. G. Vinal, director, Nature Guide school, Mass. State college.

April 4, Spring style show at town hall. Miss Anne Mattoon, chairman.

April 18, annual meeting.

Annual Lawn Fete For County Hospital On A. G. Moody Lawn

The annual lawn fete under the auspices of the local women's board with Mrs. Ross L. Spencer as chairman, for the benefit of the Franklin county hospital, will be held on the lawn of the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody on Highland avenue next Friday afternoon, Aug. 2 from 2 to 6 o'clock. The following persons will be in charge of the various tables: Home-made ice cream and punch, Mrs. A. H. Wright, Mrs. W. P. Stanley, Miss June Wright, Cake, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. Frank H. Montague, Mrs. W. A. Barr, Candy, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. F. Wilton Dean, Mrs. Gertrude Morgan. Baked beans, breads and vegetables, Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mrs. George Kidder, Mrs. Louis Webber. Canned goods and pastry, Miss Mary Dalton, Miss Euphrasia Purrrington, Mrs. Dana Leavis. Mrs. Willis Parker will have the posters in charge, and publicity.

Pioneer Valley Requests

The Pioneer Valley Association has received nearly 3000 requests for information, since it began sending out its literature and advertising this year. These names are listed and mimeographed and sent out to members of the association, having real estate to offer, either for rental or for sale, to tourist houses, to industrial committees and to hotels, in fact to all those who find themselves in a position to aid the development of the three counties of Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden. When the results of the campaign are considered thus far, it proves the cost of maintaining the association is worthwhile. It is noteworthy that to the Northfield hotel, many new guests have appeared, and many new transients have used our inns and tourist homes. Several persons have come to town to look it over and ascertain of properties for sale. Let's hope that substantial results may come to all of our several communities.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt entertained at their home over the last weekend, Edwin Newell Lewis of the staff of the National Cathedral at Washington.

Create Refugee Hostel For Foreign Exiles Arrived In Northfield

This community attests its interest in humanity, by its consideration of the refugee problem, caused by the exile of peoples from their native lands across the sea. Hundreds were already on their way to Canada and America and as they arrived, homes had to be found for them. Some had acquaintances here, which proved of invaluable aid, while others were given attention, by the American Refugee committee in New York, the American Friends society and by church organizations. In our own vicinity was Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Spruyt of Deerfield who have given of their time and effort. In Northfield Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith gave consideration. The Smiths gave at their home, her sister and a child, and the wife and three children of Mr. Catchpool, all from England are expected. The arrival of a Dutch family from Haarlem, Holland, in New York was taken in hand by Mrs. Spruyt and brought to Deerfield, and on Monday of this week the family was provided for in "Hope Home," the large house in Mountain park, which has been given over to this use by Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hoehn. Friends have provided for electricity and water and all needs are rapidly being cared for. Our Dutch refugees here are all educated peoples, pleasant to converse with, and they speak English very well. They have a most interesting experience to relate of their leaving Holland at the time of the invasion by the Germans. Compelled to flee in a fishing boat with others, it took them three days to reach England, from there they went to Canada when opportunity arrived, and thence to New York. And now in Northfield, a happy and contented family are seeking to rehabilitate themselves in America.

Catamount Pilgrimage To Flag School Site

On Catamount Hill, near Colrain, is a monument which marks the site of a schoolhouse, which was the first to display the Stars and Stripes. In conjunction with a gathering of the Catamount Hill Association, on Saturday, Aug. 10 a pilgrimage is planned and it is expected, weather permitting, that hundreds of visitors will avail themselves to visit the monument and hear the addresses. The outing of the association will be held at 11 o'clock at Hillside park and after the business session, a basket lunch takes place. Under the direction of George Carey of Greenfield, president of the association, a public program will be furnished on Catamount Hill at 3 o'clock. The officials consider this gathering the most significant in the associations long history because of the part Catamount Hill played in combining the flag and education, and because respect of the flag and what it represents is being stressed so much just now. Several Northfield residents are members of the association.

An Affair For Girls

The girls of this town between 12 and 20 years of age are going to have some enjoyable days, as plans of the local YWCA group mature. All such girls are invited to meet Miss Esther Morgan of Holyoke at the town hall this Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock and then with the lunch, they are asked to bring, and their bathing suits, a full day is arranged for outdoor sports, games, dancing, music and dramatics. Miss Morgan will tell you all about the plans.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt entertained at their home over the last weekend, Edwin Newell Lewis of the staff of the National Cathedral at Washington.

General Conference Opens Saturday Enrollment Assures Large Attendance Notable List of Prominent Speakers



Dr. Paul D. Moody



Dr. Paul E. Scherer

Old Timers Come Back To Wallop Local Team

The "old timers" of the baseball fans, will cross bats with the local school team on the high school playground, next Tuesday evening, July 30 at 6:30 o'clock. Manager Horace W. Bolton, has had his veterans out for several practice sessions and has almost completed his lineup of the famous ball tossers. These selections include polished players in their day, and they expect next Tuesday night to prove that they can put up a good game and wallop their opponents. The team will include Luman "Ace" Barber or Stanley "Cannoball" Bistreck, on the hill, Stanley Newton of southern baseball fame or Charlie "Bill Dickey" Browning behind the bat. At first base will be Dean Williams, the man who hits for homers and specializes of pop fouls, Clayton Glazier, a star hitter at second base, and Gordon Buffum, a triple play genius, on third. The shortstop position is still open. In the outfield, "Dave" Cook a long hitter is available and also "Trick Knee" Amsden, with the high batting average, whose playing is being watched by big league scouts. Manager Bolton may also take the outfield if he can spare time from his supervision. "Ed" Scoble will also be on hand for the outfield. In the pinch hitting list is Myron Dunnell, local oil jockey, "Rolly" Shearer, former Red Sox star and others. Bill Dalton, who has often done so, will umpire.

When John Hurley, manager of the local team of "youngsters" was asked by a Press representative for his lineup and hopes, he said that his list will be as follows: Ian French, 2b; Phil Sparrow, cf; Lyle Amsden, rf; Bob Shearer, 3b; Dick Bolton, lf; Ed Hurley, 1b; Larry Glazier, ss; Fred Gibson, c; and Tom Hurley, p. Then he added that Clarence Webber, Bob Thompson, Sam Jones, Bud French and himself, might see service before the game was over. He also said that if Tom Hurley cannot hold them, he has Webber, Shearer, Gibson and Sparrow available. One thing is certain and that is that the "old timers" won't get away with anything.

Everybody is welcome to attend this great game of baseball between the "greats" and the "in grates."

For The Children

The General conference is sponsoring a program of recreation and music for children from 5 to 12 years of age. Local children are invited to join in the activities each week-day morning from 9:00-12:00. Report at Music hall next Monday, July 29.

Northfield feels a heavy responsibility in the program for the 61st General conference, which opens in the Auditorium on Saturday evening at 7:45 o'clock. With the very foundations of civilization being threatened by the forces opposed to those things for which Christ stands, Christianity itself is threatened. Christian leadership cannot allow itself to be put on the defensive or it will cease to be Christian leadership. Christ moves ever onward, upward even when he bears a cross up the slopes of Calvary.

Since 1880 the Northfield General conference has been a factor in the moulding of ideas and the development of leadership for Christ. This year it is not only a privilege but a duty to re-emphasize in the program the positive character of the Christian faith.

Dr. Paul D. Moody, president of Middlebury college and chairman of the conference committee assisted by Dr. Paul E. Scherer, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran church of New York City, will preside during the conference sessions. The speakers, beside the above will include W. Erskine Blackburn, minister, St. Andrews church, Edinburgh, Scotland; Oscar Blackwelder, pastor, Lutheran church of the Reformation, Washington, D. C.; Henry Sloane Coffin, president Union Theological seminary, New York; Walter H. Judd, M. D., missionary from China; Harris E. Kirk, minister, Franklin St. Presbyterian church, Baltimore, Md.; Edwin Lewis, professor of systematic theology and philosophy of religion, Drew Theological seminary, Madison, N. J.; Harry Lathrop Reed, president emeritus, Auburn Theological seminary, Auburn, N. Y.; Merton S. Rice, minister, Metropolitan church, Detroit, Mich.; Richard Roberts, former moderator of the United Church of Canada; J. W. Woodside, moderator of the United Church of Canada.

The tentative program is as follows: 9 to 10 o'clock in Sage chapel, ministers meeting; 9:15 to 10:45, womens meeting in Music hall; 10 to 11, ministers meeting in Sage chapel; 11 to 12, morning session and address, in Auditorium; afternoons free with special events, i.e. Aug. 2, music program at Sage chapel at 4; Aug. 4, organ recital at Sage chapel at 4; Aug. 6, music program at Sage chapel at 4; Aug. 8, music program at Sage chapel at 4; Aug. 11, music festival at Auditorium at 3:30. At 7 o'clock, sunset service on Round Top; at 7:45, evening session in the Auditorium. On Friday, Aug. 9, the Westminster junior concert will follow the evening address in the Auditorium and on Saturday evening, Aug. 10, following the address, the Westminster concert will be given in the Auditorium.

The music of the conference will be in charge of Eugene F. Morgan of New York and a group of boys and girls from the schools under the direction of Melvin L. Gallagher, will sing. The various special musical features as announced with the concert by the Westminster Choir college and the music festival will provide special interest.

The sessions for women of the conference held in Music hall will be directed by Miss Mary Alice Roper of Beverly who will arrange most interesting gatherings. All detailed information of the General conference will be found in the printed program and any changes may be noted on the bulletins as issued. Through the years, Northfield, has come to signify, not only a beautiful place but rather an opportunity for cultural and religious development.

A Boy And A Gun Is Bad Combination

Two young ladies riding bicycles on the highway near Wana-maker Lake last weekend, were targets for a local boy and his visiting companion, with an air rifle. One girl was hit in the leg but not seriously hurt. The girls were hostlers and immediately made a police complaint. Constable Haskell investigated and located the boys and an amicable settlement was made without bringing a criminal charge. Boys with rifles have been too frequent sights and last Sunday, when it was even unlawful to carry such a gun, one youngster was seen taking pot shots in Mountain park. Parents of boys had better acquaint themselves of the law before their lads set out with a gun. A boy and a gun is a bad combination.

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SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

Campbell's Tomato Soup	3 cans 22c
Hillside Santa Clara Prunes	2-lb pkg. 8 1/2c
Kellogg Corn Flakes	2 8-oz pkg 13c
Ayanu Fruit Cocktail	No. 1 can 10c
Del Monte Peaches	No. 2 1/2 can 15c
Hurff Tomato Juice	46-oz can 15c
Rel Tang Mustard	qt. jar 10c
Snow Crest Fruit Syrup	16 oz bot. 17c
Junket Ice Cream Freeze	3 pkg 25c
C & C Potato Sticks	3 cans 20c
McGrath Tomatoes	4 No. 2 cans 25c
Vita Gold Sliced Pineapple	No. 2 1/2 can 17c
Phillips Early June Peas	3 No. 2 cans 23c
Eddy Center Cut Asparagus	No. 2 can 10 1/2c
Sun Dine Orange Juice	3 No. 2 cans 25c
Growers Brand Salt	2-lb round box 6c
Hershey's Chocolate Syrup	3 No. 1 cans 25c
Armours Pickled Pigs Feet	7-oz jar 9c
Mossman's Peanut Butter	24-oz jar 19c
Greenwich Inn Jellies	16-oz jar 10c
Fluffies (wheat and rice)	3 lge pkg 10c
Soda Crackers	2-lb box 13 1/2c
Eagle American Sardines	3 cans 14c
Van Camps Evaporated Milk	4 cans 26c

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE



West Northfield and South Vernon

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Houghton of Brattleboro have arrived at their cottage to spend the summer season.

Those who are assisting Mrs. White in the conduct of the daily vacation Bible school are Miss Ruth Dunklee, Miss Alma Dunklee and Andrew Stacy.

Rev. F. L. Piper, D. D. who has spent some time at the Advent Home, died at the Huggins Memorial hospital in Wolfboro, N. H. on July 7. He was retired as a clergyman and at one time, was editor of the paper "World's Crisis."

This Friday evening, the Vacation Church school, conducted by Mrs. B. F. White, will hold their closing exercises. There will be an exhibit of Bible work, and a program of music and pageantry. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. Herbert Bolton of Springfield has been visiting her son, Fred I. Bolton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sweet of Somerville were recent guests of Mrs. Eva Smart.

Miss Virginia Bolton has returned from a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Hall of Springfield.

Allie Skib is having an outing at Camp Plymouth, Tyson, Vt. He won a scholarship from the South school.

Mrs. F. G. Lackey left last week for Wardsboro, Vt., to assist in the home of her sister, Mrs. Ella Forester.

Leslie Gibson and Alfred Aldrich have employed for the summer at the Overlook cabins above Putney, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullahy, George McGovern, and Gerard Stanley of New York City, and Joseph Weston of Belleville, N. J. returned to their homes last week after two weeks at Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Holton's.

Burt H. Newton of Vernon, former justice of the peace and town official, died Sunday night in the Brattleboro Memorial hospital. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Vernon Union church with Rev. Ellis E. Jones officiating. Mr. Newton is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ada M. (Akeley) Newton, Vernon town clerk and former representative in the Vermont legislature and one sister, Mrs. Dora Harmon of Vernon.

Contributions for India box may still be sent to the parsonage or the Advent Home.

The Advent Christian camp meeting at Palmer is now in session and the Plainville, Ct., camp will be for a week beginning Aug. 24. Delegates will be in attendance from South Vernon.

Services at the South Vernon church are as follows: Sunday, morning worship, 10:30; Sunday school, 11:45; Loyal Workers will have charge of evening service. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 at Advent Home. Next Tuesday the picnic of the Vernon and South Vernon churches will be held at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Houghton. Services in the church will be omitted during the first three weeks in August.

James Long of Dracont and his daughter Mrs. Alfred Tropeano of Lexington have been visiting at Mrs. E. P. Edson's.

Miss Emma Murray is visiting her grandparents in Pownal.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Miller have returned to Vernon to reside. He is a 4-H club leader.

Mrs. Lillie A. Lewis and son Richard of Quincy are visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. F. White at the parsonage.

Mrs. Caroline McClure, 97, a resident of the Advent Home since 1932, died in Brattleboro last week Thursday after a brief illness. She was the widow of Rev. Charles McClure. The funeral was held last Saturday at Kidders funeral parlor and the burial was in Newport, Vt.

"There are three kinds of liars" said Judge Taft at an American Bar Association banquet. "There is a damned liar, the expert witness and the after-dinner speaker who says, 'I'll not detain you long.'"

Hubby: I've been thinking it over and I've decided to agree with you.

Wife: That won't do you any good. I've changed my mind.

HIGHWAY ENEMY NO. 1

THE STOP SIGN PASSER

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AMMONIA

1939 TUBES ON THE ELECTRIC INDUSTRY WERE 54% GREATER THAN IN 1937, THOUGH THEY WERE LOWER

NATIONAL CORN CHAMP TELLS HOW IT'S DONE



The winner—Clark W. Dellinger.

It wasn't done with mirrors, that record-smashing official yield of 180.1 bushels of corn per acre which made Clark W. Dellinger, Clark County, Indiana, 1939 national champion corn producer. The enormous production was the result of a systematic use of the latest and best corn-growing practices.

The five-acre plot in a 14-acre field on the Ohio River bottom which Dellinger chose for his crop was naturally fertile, but it came a long way from the perfection which he set as his standard. The land had usually been planted to corn. Last year he allowed it to make a tremendous undergrowth, which was plowed under about nine inches deep in May. The land was fitted by two double discings, two harrowings, and two cultipackings before planting. Corn of the Johnson County white variety, of his own growing and selection, was planted late in May. It was rowed three feet each way, with from two to three kernels per hill.

Though the land was rich, he knew that it had been used and was not up to its once virgin fertility, so he added fertilizer of 0-14-6 analysis, applying it to the hill at the rate of 125 pounds per acre. Six cultivations through the growing season cleared the way.

H. R. Smalley, Director of Soil Improvement Work, The National Fertilizer Association, commenting on why the corn champion used fertilizer on rich soil, said, "Big yields take fertility from the richest soil. The grain alone removed from Dellinger's land 250 pounds of plant food per acre. A 50-bushel corn crop, including stover, removes 156 pounds of plant food from the land—82 pounds of nitrogen, 29 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 25 pounds of potash. Return of this plant food to the soil is essential to continuing yields."

Magistrate: Is the prisoner a known thief?

Constable: A known thief? Why he'd steal the harness off a nightmare.

THRU THE EYES OF THE PRESS

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TOWN TOPICS

George McEwan represented Northfield at a meeting of members of the national defense program, held at the Hotel Warren in Deerfield last week Thursday evening.

Arrested in Northfield for operating under the influence of liquor, Sunday night, by State Trooper Sullivan, a Wilmington, Vt., driver was summoned into district court to explain.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Stafford of Orange marked their 55th wedding anniversary last week Thursday. They are natives of Orange, but were married in Northfield July 25th, 1885.

The ashes of Mrs. Ellen Bemis Stratton, age 95, who died in Boston was brought here for burial on Tuesday in the family lot in Center cemetery. Mrs. Stratton was the widow of the late Dousman Stratton and they were former resident of this town on Parker avenue. Surviving her are Harold and Florence Stratton.

Quite a number of our citizens and guests at the conference on the seminary campus were visitors at the "at home" at Virginia camp on Wednesday. All enjoyed seeing the children at their camp activities.

The highway department of New Hampshire at its office at Concord is receiving bids, Aug. 1 for the construction of the bridge at Hinsdale on the Northfield Rd.

Edward Tie, employed at the Northfield hotel is recovering rapidly from an operation at the Farn Memorial hospital.

Mrs. W. H. Morrow of Mount Hermon is at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital for treatment.

The Garden club of Newfane invites local folks to visit its Flower Show to be held in the court house building, Wednesday evening, July 31. A small fee is charged for admission.

Returning to the Northfield conference after an absence of many years is Dr. Harris E. Kirk of Baltimore, Md. Dr. Kirk is a noted author and a former moderator of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

Mrs. Grace Cornell with her two guests, Miss Adelaide Potts and Miss Harriett Weaver and Rev. Mary Andrews Conner with her guest Miss Sylvia Bliss, enjoyed a motor trip last week about the Cape Cod country. They visited Sudbury and several other places also.

The last showing of the loaned articles of historical value at the Dickinson Library will be next Tuesday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. Our citizens and visitors are urged to see this exhibit of the Historical society. There is no charge for admission.

Miss Euphrasia Purinton, our town nurse, has left on her annual vacation. She will be at the Deaconess hospital for "refresher" work in nursing.



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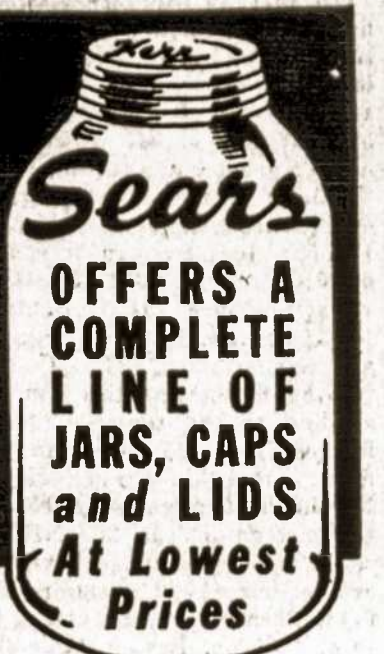
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TOWN TOPICS

Miss Verna R. Mayberry of Mount Hermon was one of the bridesmaids last week Thursday, at the wedding of Miss Louise Copeland Gray of New York and William Irving Bertache of Brightwaters, L. I., which took place in St. Stephens Episcopal church at Brightwaters.

Julian J. Podlenski of this town filed a petition for divorce from Mary A. Podlenski of Hatfield, in probate court last week. The couple were married in Hatfield in 1936. There are no children. He charges desertion for the past three years.

Dr. and Mrs. Jefferson D. Ray of Fort Worth, Texas, where he is of the faculty of the Baptist Theological seminary are spending a vacation here and occupying the home of Mrs. Vora on Myrtle street.

Prof. Sidney F. Pattison, of the University of Arizona at Tucson, is spending the summer with his sister, Mrs. M. P. Stanley at her home on Highland avenue.

Albert L. Rice of Northfield has obtained title to land in Northfield, west of Mountain Road and north of Ferry road from L. G. Cooke of Greenfield, according to an entry in the registry office in the court house.

Baseball fans say that the game between the local team and the Montague Blues, last Friday evening on the "layground" was the most interesting spectacle of the season. Northfield won by a score of 3-2 in a 7-inning game.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie and their daughter, Jean, of New York are at their summer home on the Hinsdale road.

Several from this town visited Swanzy last week end to witness a performance of the "Old Homestead" given by the local residents in aid of Swanzy Center Congregational church.

Don't fail to see "New Moon" with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy at the Latchis Theatre which continues for four days starting Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duncan of Jamaica, N. Y. have arrived at their cottage on Rustic Ridge to spend the summer.

Miss Anne Merriman of this town, who teaches at Greenwich, Ct., is convalescing at the Franklin county hospital after a recent operation. She is making a rapid recovery. Miss Merriman is a sister of Mrs. Frank H. Montague.

There was a collision between a truck of a local motorist and a sedan, registered in New York state, on the Winchester highway just this side of the state line on Monday morning. No one was hurt but the sedan suffered damage. Constable Haskell investigated.

The supper at the Vernon church, which was to be held last Wednesday evening, was postponed owing to the death of a member of the congregation. Another supper will be held next Wednesday evening, July 31, as per the adv. on our front page.

Mrs. James Warren of Rochester, N. Y., is spending three weeks with Mrs. Louise R. LaBella at Sumac Lodge.

Milton Cooper of Elk Run, W. Va., arrived last weekend to join Mrs. Cooper and the children at their cottage on the Ridge. They left this week to spend two weeks camping in Maine after which they will return here for another stay.

Miss Esther Johnson, of the faculty of the Seminary, has gone to Berea, Ohio, where she will spend a month as a hospital technician.

Mr. and Mrs. Brainard Willey have returned from a motor vacation trip which they spent at York Beach. They were accompanied by Matthew Forsaith.

Eleanor Severance who has been at the Greenfield health camp for the past month, returned to her home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dykes of Millers Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Mae, to Michael Carrera of Chicago. No date has been set for the wedding. Miss Dykes has many friends in this town, before whom she has often appeared as a pianist in concerts.

Total automobile registration in this state on June 20 was 840,309 which is a considerable increase over the same period last year. The figure for Northfield is not available but would show an increase no doubt in the number of motorists.

Mrs. Lucy Polstead and Mrs. Nettie Armstrong of Springfield are at their cottage at Mount Hermon for the summer.

The local baseball team defeated the Turners Falls A. A. team Monday evening on the school playground by a score of 8-4. Northfield played a good game.

Miss Emily Bardon, who conducted a gift shop in East Northfield, from 1912-1919, and was a regular summer visitor here, died at her home in North Attleboro on May 13 of this year, after suffering a shock.

The property recently reported purchased by Albert Rice, now of Greenfield is located at the fork of the old road in Northfield Farms and known as the Fordyce Smith place. Mr. Rice will make improvements and occupy as his home after his marriage to Miss Dorothy Leach in the early fall.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Fleckles of Mount Hermon, at the Franklin county hospital on Tuesday, July 23.

Paul G. Jordan will begin the construction of a bungalow on his property on the Winchester road immediately. Glenn F. Higgins of Hinsdale has the contract.

Supt. of schools and Mrs. Linville W. Robbins with their granddaughter, Winona have gone to the Maine coast to enjoy a month's vacation.

The school building committee of the town met with Architect Bernhard Dirks in the town hall, Monday evening and went over the specifications for the erection of the new school building. It is said that all is in readiness for submission of the plans to contractors and that bids will be received by the middle of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Furth of Milton are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Stevens.

The United Presbyterian conference which was held at Mount Hermon school ended its session last Saturday evening. There was a large enrollment of delegates and it proved a profitable meeting.

Mrs. Ross L. Spencer of the local Republican town committee, attended the Republican conference in Springfield last week Saturday, in company with other women workers from this district.

Mrs. Pearl Backus of Forest Hills, L. I. is at her cottage on the hillside off Birnam road for the summer season. Her daughter is with her and they are also entertaining friends this week.

Harry L. Gingrass enjoyed a trip with his son to Nantasket this week for a brief vacation.

Dr. Richard Roberts, former moderator of the United Church of Canada, will be the preacher at the services in the auditorium, next Sunday morning and evening.

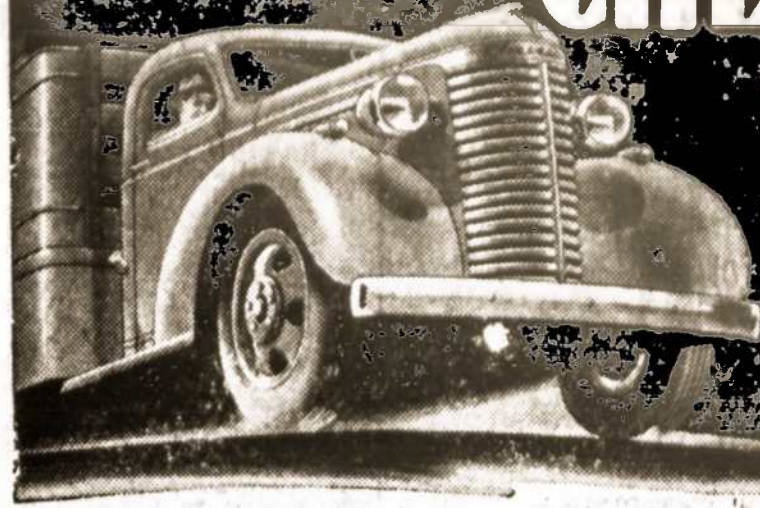
The Heath tax rate is announced by its assessors as \$38, a dollar more than the levy of last year.

Fred O. Bristol of San Francisco and a member of the '97 class at Hermon, was a visitor on the campus for a few days this week.

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Friday, July 26, 1940

EDITORIAL

IN THE CABINET

President Franklin D. Roosevelt recently appointed two Republicans as members of his cabinet. Secretaries Stimson and Knox accepted and they were confirmed by the Senate as is necessary. In a national emergency they acted wisely, but some red headed and hot Republicans were worked into a frenzy and found fault and criticism. To me, the action was idiotic, for I feel quite certain that this fall the voters of this country will cause Republicans to fill all the seats in the cabinet.

WILLKIE KNOWS

The Republican nominee for the Presidency is out in the lands of the great west, primarily for a vacation and a rest, but the populace is so much interested in him and his future prospects, that they are demanding that he be heard and are keeping him busy. At a recent gathering, he was quoted as saying, "If you elect me President you will have someone who understands the everyday problems of everyday people. I have lived them and glory in it. My route was the hard route, not the soft one." Now that's good common sense and good logic. Willkie is the man, and the kind of man, who will win the confidence and active support of the voter, to make him the next President of the United States.

SMASH AND CARRY

Hitler goes us one better, over our "cash and carry" proposition to feed his people by a "smash and carry" method, as he ruthlessly subdues the nations and destroys them by carrying away their resources and their supplies. Poverty and famine is threatening Europe, at least those of the conquered countries, while the Teuton will be fully fed. The effect is to raise the living standard of the German and lower it for the defeated peoples. What matters it to him if millions perish in want and hunger if only the Germanic peoples can survive. Surely the future, not far away, will bring its problems, and we in America, must do something about it. We cannot wash our hands of human responsibility, even if we "won't fight."

MUD-SLINGING

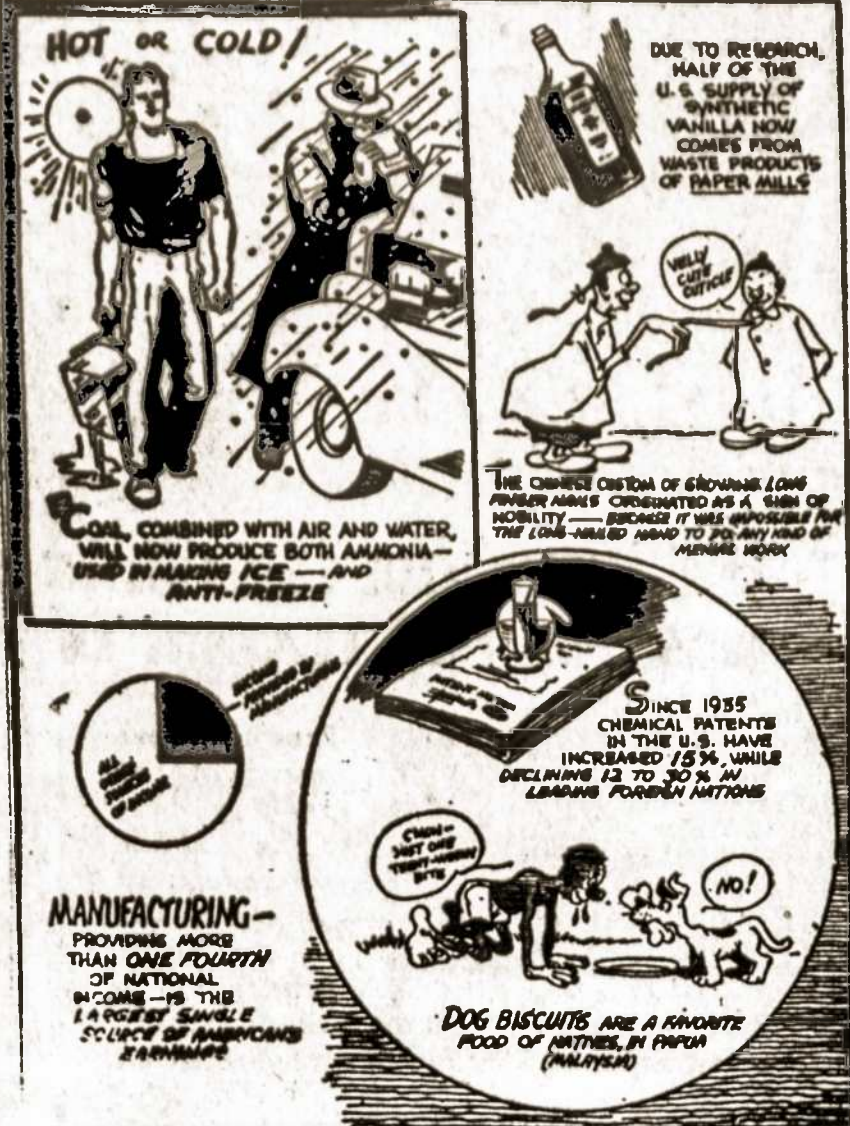
Be it remembered, that in this midsummer month there are loud threats of a "mud-slinging campaign." Senator Barkley as chairman of the Chicago convention referred to the Republican "Kilowatt convention" and next day in Washington some of the newspapermen spoke of the Democratic convention as the "Job-holders convention." Well, that's all useless and "obsolete" stuff. After more than a century and a half of struggle "to form a more perfect Union, to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity," the fact should be recognized that the two old parties have gone to bat on the genuine issue which is: Shall the New Deal be approved by the voters and continued for another four years, or shall it be replaced by policies of the Republican party?

Know Massachusetts

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Do you know that new orders received by Massachusetts factories during June totaled 15 per cent more than in May and 28 per cent more than in June a year ago... The Neponset river drops 151 feet within the town limits of Walpole, providing power for ten distinct water privileges... The first state investigation of labor conditions in the United States was made by a special legislative committee in Massachusetts in 1845... Spencer is famous as the home of three inventors: Tyler Howe, who invented the spring bed; William Howe, who invented

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the truss frame used in roofs and bridges; and Elias Howe, inventor of the sewing machine... Nathan Reed of Warren was the first to apply for a patent for a rail-making machine and one of the first to apply steam to locomotives... Between 1845 and 1855 immigrants to Massachusetts averaged about 30,000 a year... Massachusetts now has 351 separate municipalities, of which 39 are cities and 312 towns. In 1715 there were 111 municipalities; in 1780 there were 239... The Spanish War monument in Somerville also commemorates the Americans in the Boxer Revolt in China in 1900, being one of the few in America to do so... The first Yale-Harvard rowing contest was held on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester in 1855... The first state appropriation for highways, amounting to \$300,000 was made in 1894... Braintree last month became the 97th municipality in Massachusetts to adopt zoning.

The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Oleson

Well folks I feel considerably relieved. I read in the paper yesterday that all of this rain we have been having is not caused by the war in Europe. The paper was reporting a statement of some scientists from the Middle West who said that there was no possibility of rain being caused by the terrific bombardment that's going on. Besides they said if such were possible, it would rain in Europe and not in America. So you see it's quite a relief to know that.

Another explanation I had heard of all this wet weather was the fact that at a pageant held in April an Indian gave a war dance or something for rain and apparently the dance was too exuberant.

But seriously there has been quite a bit of "descent" which should concern the home owners. I'm referring to the loss of leaves by maple trees. I saw a notice the other day from Malcolm A. McKenzie, tree disease man at the Mass. State college. He said that he had received an unusually large number of inquiries about the loss of leaves by maple trees. He explained it as follows:

Early loss of leaves without wilting was in many cases caused by an insect in the leaf stem or petiole. The discoloration and wilting of leaves which is so widespread at the present time (middle of July) is often found to be associated with infection of the leaves by a fungus. Even in laboratories this fungus is difficult to observe. Under certain conditions it may be seen along veins in tender leaves. It causes a browning of the foliage which is known as anthracnose.

He also pointed out that many plants other than maples are similarly affected by closely related fungi. However, just because the foliage turns brown is no reason that it has this disease. Soft growth on a sunny day following a period of wet cool weather will turn brown. So if your trees are dropping their leaves it might be well to send some of them to the State college for accurate checking.

As far as the home owner is concerned, Mr. McKenzie says that burning of leaves when they fall prematurely or in the autumn is the first step in control of the disease. Further control may be accomplished by applying a Bordeaux mixture as a spray just previous to the opening of the

leaves in the spring, and again after the foliage appears. Loss of foliage, however caused, may result in injury, and loss of foliage in successive years may result in death. He also pointed out that many shade trees are now suffering from the effects of last summer's drought and care should be taken to provide against a recurrence of such an event taking place this year. In other words, apply food materials now to the trees and mulches and water if necessary in the fall to curtail winter injury.

I can speak from experience on that point. I had a little spruce tree that was the "red-head's" second Christmas tree, and it has passed out of the picture simply because I neglected to give it plenty of water last fall before the ground froze up.

Ice Cream and Cantaloupe



How about ice cream and cantaloupe for a porch supper during hot weather? Make it something special. Cantaloupe is a mode, garnished with fresh peaches and blackberries for good measure. The vanilla ice cream for which we are giving you the recipe is going to be one of the easiest, nicest and most economical you have ever made. Not too rich, but smooth and full-bodied. Made with only one part cream to three parts milk, which is one-third to one-sixth as much as most recipes call for—a feature that will delight your household budget and prove a boon to those of your family who love ice cream but find it too fattening. And using no eggs, so you can guess how simple it is. All this because it is a rennet-custard ice cream, and rennet has a way with milk, as you rennet-custard fans already know. But why should we tell you about it, when it's so easy to try it for yourselves?

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2 rennet tablets
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1 cup heavy cream
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
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Youth Hostel Items

John Nevin Sayre, executive secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, spoke informally to members of the AYH training course at a breakfast meeting Tuesday morning.

Dr. J. Russell Elkinton, research fellow at the Yale University school of medicine, visited his brother David Elkinton at AYH headquarters during the last week end. Together with Marian Dunham they visited the hostel at East Colrain Saturday night.

Received at AYH headquarters is the 1940 revised and enlarged edition of the Directory of Youth Organizations compiled by the research department of the National Youth Administration in New York City. Among the 281 organizations listed are the American Youth Hostels, Inc.

Jack Hanna of the AYH staff has been called to his home in Goshen, Ct., because of the illness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith and all those taking the training course at AYH headquarters went to Meredith, N. H. over the week end to climb Mt. Chochozna.

Margaret Dean of the AYH staff spent last week end at her home in Lincoln.

Fritz Kaufhold, head of the hostel travel department, left for Boston last Sunday to spend several days.

Among hostellers at the Northfield hostel during the last week were a group of six girls, and their leader, from Elkins Park, Pa., and another group from Syracuse, N. Y. Both groups toured New England by bicycle.

The AYH camp at Meredith, N. H. based on Youth Hostels philosophy and ideals, has registered 57 girls and boys in its summer camp.

The field department of the AYH reports a total of 240 hostels now chartered throughout the United States from Maine to California.

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"The Late Christopher Bean" with Grace McTarnahan, Freeman Hammond, Gilmore Bush and Edna Peckham will be presented the week of July 29 at the Keene N. H. Summer Theatre. Anton Hardt is directing the cast which includes Charles Ryder, James Roberts, Joan Newton and Nell McCoy.

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